

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 25, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nehez at 7:30 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nehez.

ROLL CALL was read by Tricia Ingrassia. The following officials were present: Mayor Nehez, Councilpersons Nick Magistrelli, Keith Czerr, Jenn Domzalski, Alan Hipps, Renell Noack, and Gary Vojtush. Also present were Law Director Brad Bryan, Engineer Rich Wasosky, Police Chief John Zolgus, Fire Chief Jason Buss, and Service Director Jason Walters.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: A motion for the approval of the Minutes from the June 27, 2018 Council Meeting was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of approval of the Minutes from the June 27, 2018 Council Meeting; none were opposed. The June 27, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes were approved. A motion for the approval of the Minutes from the July 11, 2018 Council Meeting was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in of approval of the July 11, 2018 Council Minutes; none were opposed. The July 11, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes were approved.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND REMONSTRANCES:

At this time Mayor Nehez asked Mr. Bryan to read the Resolution for the new rubbish collection contract.

2018-50 – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Contract with Waste Management of Ohio, Inc. for the Collection of Residential Rubbish and Recycling (First Reading). A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Magistrelli and seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule; none were opposed. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Magistrelli and seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of passage; none were opposed. Resolution No. 2018-50 was adopted.

At this time, Mayor Nehez stated Mr. Wasosky wished to discuss the Ledge Road/State Route 8 Traffic Signal. Mr. Wasosky stated the bid opening for the project was Monday, July 23, 2018 at 3:00pm. Mr. Wasosky continued, with Mr. Walters now being present, stating that two bids were received. Mr. Wasosky stated the low bid came from Signal Service Company at \$189,950.54. The second bidder was Perrin Electric at \$190,535.48. Mr. Wasosky recommended awarding the bid to Signal Service Company. Mr. Wasosky stated funds from the Summit County Permissive License Tax and an Ohio Public Works Commission grant would be used for the majority of the project. Mr. Czerr asked a question about the two final bid amounts and the variation between what is presented in the legislation. Mr. Wasosky answered that the amount presented for approval is inclusive of engineering costs, legal advertising, permits, and contingencies. Mr. Vojtush asked if there was a price difference between the car detection systems, i.e. the cameras versus the loop detector wiring. Mr. Wasosky stated there is a price difference; however, the Village started using the cameras and radar detectors as there is less chance of having damage to them in the instance of repaving a road. Mr. Vojtush asked if there would be pre-emptive devices on the signals for Police and Fire services. Mr. Wasosky stated there would be. A discussion ensued regarding the concrete quality and sealing the concrete. At this time, Mr. Bryan requested a motion to add Resolution 2018-52 to the agenda. A motion to add Resolution

2018-52 to the agenda for July 25, 2018 was made by Mr. Hipps and seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of adding Resolution 2018-52 to the agenda; none were opposed.

2018-52 – A Resolution accepting the bid of Signal Service Company, Inc. for the Ledge Road and Northfield Road Traffic Signal Replacement Project and Declaring an Emergency. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Magistrelli and seconded by Mr. Hipps. All were in favor of suspending the three reading rule; none were opposed. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Hipps and seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of passage; none were opposed. Resolution No. 2018-52 was adopted.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

Mayor Jesse Nehez – Mayor Nehez stated he has been working with Chief Zolcus regarding the garbage receptacle ordinance. Mayor Nehez asked if Mr. Bryan was able to draft anything relative to the requested changes. Mr. Bryan stated he had made a draft of the requested changes, and he will discuss them during his report.

Finance Director, Tricia Ingrassia – Ms. Ingrassia stated she had three items for discussion. First, Ms. Ingrassia requested a motion for acknowledgment of receipt of the May and June month-end reports and reconciliations. A motion for acknowledgment of receipt of the May and June month-end reports and reconciliations was made by Mr. Magistrelli and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of acknowledging receipt of the reports; none were opposed. The motion carried.

Second, Ms. Ingrassia requested a motion for approval of payment to the City of Macedonia for prisoner housing because the payment is considered a "Then and Now" and the payment amount exceeds \$3,000. Ms. Ingrassia stated the invoice amount is \$3,510. A motion for approval of that payment to the City of Macedonia for prisoner housing was made by Mr. Magistrelli and seconded by Mr. Hipps. All were in favor of approving the payment; none were opposed. The motion carried.

The third item Ms. Ingrassia requested was a motion for approval to contract with the Auditor of State's office for the biennial audit for Calendar Years 2016 and 2017. Ms. Ingrassia stated the estimate for the audit exceeds the Mayor's spending authority. Ms. Ingrassia requested a motion for approval of the audit expenses in the amount of \$13,571. A motion to approve the estimated audit expenses was made by Mr. Magistrelli and seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of approval of the motion; none were opposed.

Engineer, Rich Wasosky – Report given earlier in the meeting.

Law Director, Brad Bryan – Mr. Bryan stated he had the June 2018 Northfield Village Mayor's Court Disbursal Report for acceptance by Council (report attached). A motion for acceptance was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of acceptance; none were opposed. The motion carried.

Mr. Bryan discussed the sign ordinance changes as discussed with Ms. McMahon of Aislinn Consulting. Mr. Bryan continued Ms. McMahon has asked if meeting the third Wednesday of the month going forward would be conducive to Council/the Committee's schedules. Mr. Bryan indicated the Mayor would like to be on this Committee and asked if Mr. Hipps and Ms. Noack would like to remain on the Committee as well. Mr. Bryan stated the first meeting will be

Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. A motion was made to appoint Mayor Nehez, Mr. Hipps, and Ms. Noack to the Committee by Mr. Magistrelli. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor of the appointments; none were opposed.

Mr. Bryan then discussed that the Mayor requested an amendment to the rubbish container storage ordinance to update it from the current ordinance from the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s. Mr. Bryan continued there was a minor amendment four years ago. Mr. Bryan discussed the main changes to the sections, citing specifically that the rubbish containers would need to be put away in the garage or side yard and out of plain view. Mayor Nehez stated he would like this legislation to be passed prior to the new rubbish contract taking effect in October.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Department, Chief John Zolgos – Report attached.

Chief Zolgos stated the K9 Unit is working out quite well, and the drug citations have increased 7% over 2017. Mr. Bryan stated the increase is due to traffic citations/arrests and not residential citations. Chief Zolgos briefly discussed a promotional test for the rank of Sergeant within the Police Department. Chief Zolgos stated this is a knowledge test, and he requested a motion from Council to proceed with the testing. A motion for approval to proceed with the Sergeant's Exam was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of the motion; none were opposed.

Fire Department, Chief Jason Buss – Report attached.

Chief Buss stated the Department's ISO rating improved to a rating of 2. Chief Buss stated there are very few departments in the State of Ohio with a rating of 1. Chief Buss stated the improved rating benefits the businesses in the community.

Chief Buss also stated he is applying for a grant for an exhaust removal system as it comes out of the vehicles.

Service Department, Jason Walters – Report attached.

Mr. Walters briefly discussed the lane change on the Ledge Road Phase 2 Project. Chief Zolgos added the traffic will remain eastbound passage only.

Mr. Walters also briefly addressed an issue regarding the Service Department watering the flowers on State Route 8 and a police cruiser following behind them that was addressed at a prior Council Meeting. Mr. Walters stated he feels the safety of his workers comes first as there have been many close calls. Mr. Walters continued that people do not see flashing yellow safety lights as readily as they see the red and blue lights that a police cruiser commands. Mr. Walters continued stating that a Police Officer's job is to keep people safe, and he would hope the Village would approve of them trying to keep the employees, i.e. Service Department members, safe. Chief Zolgos added following the Service Department putting up flags and banners by the Police Department is not a new function. It has been happening for years. Mr. Walters added he can look into an arrow sign to follow the trucks on SR 8. Ms. Domzalski stated a sign cannot call for help should and accident occur. Mr. Vojtush stated he was the person that brought up the Police cruiser following the Service Department for watering the flowers on SR 8. Mr. Vojtush continued stating he agrees that the safety of the Service Department employees is a concern, but he felt perhaps it would be more beneficial for a larger dump truck to follow the person watering as it would be able to stop the watering truck from impact in the event of an accident as opposed to a smaller Police Cruiser. Mr. Walters stated the police cruiser lights receive more attention than a

truck flashing yellow caution lights. Ms. Noack stated she felt the cruiser to be more beneficial as they can finish their job more quickly without constantly having to look over their shoulders.

REPORTS OF THE MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Planning Commission, Mr. Hipps – No report.

Recreation Board, Mayor Nehez – Mayor Nehez stated the Recreation Board will meet August 2, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the movie in the park. Mayor Nehez added the movie in the park is scheduled for August 4, 2018 at 9:30 p.m. at Smith Park.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee, Mr. Magistrelli – Mr. Magistrelli stated the Finance Committee could not meet at 6:30pm for lack of quorum, and he added it would be rescheduled for immediately following tonight's Council Meeting.

Roads/Public Works, Ms. Domzalski – No report.

Health and Welfare, Mr. Czerr – No report.

Wages and Working Conditions, Mr. Vojtush – No report.

Fire and Safety, Ms. Noack – No report.

Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Hipps – No report.

LEGISLATION:

2018-42 – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Chapter 864 of the Business Regulation Code Relating to Open-Air Food Markets (Third Reading). A motion for passage was made by Ms. Domzalski and seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of passage; none were opposed. The Ordinance was adopted.

2018-49 – An Emergency Ordinance Amending Sections 660.17 and 660.18 of the Codified Ordinances Relating to Weed and Grass Control (First Reading). A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Magistrelli and seconded by Ms. Domzalski. Roll Call: Mr. Czerr: No, Ms. Noack: Yes, Mr. Vojtush: Yes, Mr. Magistrelli: Yes, Mr. Hipps: Yes, Ms. Domzalski: Yes. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Magistrelli and seconded by Ms. Noack. Mr. Czerr stated he would prefer this ordinance to move to a second reading, as he did not have time to review the code. Ms. Noack stated Council has had two meetings on this exact topic prior to this legislation being on the agenda. Mr. Magistrelli stated through discussion, the disagreements were ironed out. Mr. Czerr stated the disagreements were not ironed out. Mr. Magistrelli stated the disagreements were ironed out for the majority of Council. Mr. Bryan asked if all were in favor of passage. All members of Council were not in favor of passage. Roll Call: Mr. Czerr: No, Ms. Noack: Yes, Mr. Vojtush: Yes, Mr. Magistrelli: Yes, Mr. Hipps: Yes, Ms. Domzalski: Yes. The ordinance was approved 5 Yes votes to 1 No vote.

2018-51 – An Emergency Ordinance Establishing Chapter 1048 of the Codified Ordinances Relating to the Use of Public Ways by Service Providers (First Reading). Mr. Bryan stated there was right-of-way legislation last year that was sent to the Public Utilities Commission for its review. Mr. Bryan gave a brief history of this ordinance and why it was necessary. Mr. Magistrelli requested that this ordinance proceed to a second reading.

OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Nehez congratulated the Fire Department on their upgraded ISO rating and thanked them for a job well done.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Domzalski and seconded by Mr. Hipps. All were in favor of adjournment; none were opposed. The Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tricia Ingrassia, Clerk of Council